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Dear Sir:

In response to the October 2, 2002, written restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-13) with traverse.

However, applicants submit that all groups of invention identified in the outstanding office action are closely related and, therefore, would require common areas of search and consideration. No benefit is derived from maintaining the restriction requirement, and, therefore, this restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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